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Keeping Glendale Residents Connected

The Popular Family Bike Ride Rolls through Glendale April 13



Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 13 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. This is a free ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. This year features an extended

route showcasing the 63rd Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge making the ride 6, 15 or 23 miles. Bicyclists will take a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. The first 500 riders that pre-register and attend (online or via mail) will receive a t-shirt. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10. On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must be on the road by 9 a.m. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. In addition, the GUS Bus continuously circuits the route to assist any riders in need.

After the ride, children and families can enjoy inflatables at Sahuaro Ranch Park until 11 a.m. Bring the whole family for great weather and free entertainment. To pre-register and complete a waiver form, or for more information visit glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.

Travel Green in Glendale – Bike to Work/School



Calling all residents of Glendale! Simply Travel Green and ride your bicycle to work/school any day of the week, April 20-26, post it on Facebook (facebook.com/GlendaleAZ) with a photo of you riding your

bicycle and tag the city of Glendale so we can see you in action. You will be entered into a random drawing for gift cards and freebies! INFO: 623-930-2032 or sadams@glendaleaz.com

From the Heart Voluntary Donation Program to increase to \$2

From The Heart

Your morning latte; a gallon of milk; a newspaper; and a pack of chewing gum all cost around \$2. For some, two dollars isn't much in a daily routine, but with just \$2 a month you can make a difference in the lives of many Glendale residents with a voluntary donation to the city's *From the Heart* program. This program directly addresses the needs of Glendale residents with the focus of promoting the positive development of youth, strengthening families, and assisting citizens of all ages with day-to-day necessities. Whether it's delivering meals to the elderly, providing back-to-school clothing for children, or sheltering women and children in domestic violence situations, the *From the Heart* program does important things in Glendale.

The Glendale City Council recently increased the amount that is asked of residents to voluntarily donate through water bill payments so that more community needs can be addressed. This increase was implemented in February.

Please donate if you can to help those in our community who need a helping hand, and remember that this \$2 donation is voluntary and is not added to your monthly water bill, unless you specify it on your payment. INFO: glendaleaz.com/fromtheheart

The following organizations were granted funding through From the Heart's grant process in 2013, with criteria that each organization provides services to Glendale residents:

- Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter
- Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix (*Glendale location*)
- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Duet – Partners in Health & Aging
- First United Methodist Church of Glendale
- Gabriel's Angels
- Hospice of the Valley
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- A New Leaf
- Phoenix Gospel Mission
- St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance
- Salvation Army Glendale Corps
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Solecito Services
- Teen Lifeline
- YWCA of Maricopa County



A Message from Councilmember Ian Hugh

While we are fortunate to enjoy great weather all year round, it is this time of the year when those of us who live here enjoy the outdoors even more.

Without having to go too far, we have a couple of historic gems in Glendale. One of those is the Manistee Ranch Park, which is a neighborhood park of just over 4 acres located at 5127 W. Northern. The ranch at Manistee is on the National Register of Historic Places, and its four buildings – a garage, office, barn and house can be visited by anyone who wants to get a little taste of Glendale history. Tours are available October through May (by appointment only) by calling 623-931-8848 or the Glendale Historical Society at 623-435-0072.

Also listed on the National Register of Historic Places is Sahuaro Ranch Park located at 9802 N. 59th Avenue which offers users both a recreational and historic experience. Preserving one of the Valley's oldest and most magnificent ranches, the 17-acre Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area features 13 original buildings, a rose garden, barnyard and historic orchards. Historic Main House Museum Tours are available by calling 623-930-4201 for the schedule.

If you have not had the opportunity to do so, I encourage our residents and visitors of Glendale to take advantage of the tours available at Manistee Ranch Park and Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area. Both of these historic gems are instrumental in keeping the history of early settlement in the Valley alive.

2014 Transportation Open House

Please join us for the Annual Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Open House on Wednesday, April 23rd from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions on such projects as the light rail, Grand Avenue, the Northern Parkway, Loop 303, and the Grand Canal and new river bicycle paths. Residents will also have the opportunity to speak with Glendale transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects and provide input on the program. INFO: 623-930-2940 or glendaleaz.com/transportation

Spectacular Spring Book Sale on April 11 and 12

The Spectacular Spring Book Sale will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11th and from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12th at the Foothills Library (19055 N. 57th Avenue). Tables will be stacked with thrillers, mysteries, romance, general fiction and non-fiction items. There will be something for everyone, young and old and in-between. Children's books, bestsellers and DVDs get snapped up quickly, so plan to be early for the best selection of items. There will be a second room hosting a 1 dollar per bag sale all afternoon on Saturday! Bags will be supplied by the library, with cash only in the 1 dollar per bag sale room. INFO: 623-930-3849

Understanding Your Monthly Sewer Charges

Every May, you may notice that the monthly sewer fee in your water bill has changed. For most customers, this fee does not change. For some, the fee may decrease and for some, the fee may increase. This happens because every year the City of Glendale re-calculates every customer's sewer usage based on their water use billed in the months of January, February, and March. If you are aware of high water use during any of these three months that may be due to a water leak or outside watering, you may be eligible for an adjustment of this fee. To seek an adjustment you must file a Sewer Appeal with our Customer Service Department. Forms can be found on our website at GlendaleAZ.com/Utilities. Appeals are accepted for a period of 60 days after the May billing.

Examples of typical sewer appeals are of the following nature:

- An irrigation or service line leak which affected your January, February, or March bills
- The filling of a new pool or the draining and refilling of an existing pool which affected your January, February, or March bills
- Outdoor watering during the winter months typically associated with larger than normal landscaping*

New residents or customers who do not have a full three months winter water usage, will be assigned usage based on the average of all customers with a similar type of property. If you have other questions, please call our Customer Service Office at 623-930-3190.



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For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.

Please note that due to printing deadlines, we encourage you to check our online version of this newsletter at glendaleaz.com/connection for the most up-to-date event information and details.